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Change in Name

In accordance with an announcement, in a former issue, this week the News makes a slight change in its name, from The Judith Basin News to The Montana News. This change is made on account of the fact that the paper is growing from a local paper to a state paper, and because it is expected to force it to a large state circulation before the finish of the fall campaign.

No paper with a state circulation should still retain a name that gives it a local appearance or significance and realizing this to be the case, and not expecting to reach any further than the borders of Montana for some time, it has been decided that the slight change will be approved of by all the Socialists, and possibly add to its force in the outside field.

Mr. Henry Lynch will remain on the road as traveling solicitor and if his efforts meet with the results that they have so far, there is no telling as to what great improvements in the paper may be made. He is an unqualified hustler and the great number of subscriptions received is evidence of his ability in this field of labor.

Every effort will be made to the full limit of the treasury of the News' bank account, to make an A1 paper out of the News, and to devote its columns to Socialism, and especially to this state, and the more assistance loaned us in the subscription line the better paper will we be able to publish.

Loan us your help on the subscription part to The Montana News and we will do the rest, in furthering the cause of Socialism and the ushering in of the great cooperative commonwealth, when every laborer shall receive the full product of his toil.

Bible in Schools

The matter of reading the bible in the public schools of Idaho was recently brought before the state's attorney there for final adjudication. That official decided that the law forbids any sectarian teaching in the public schools, and therefore the bible is barred. Commenting on the same the Great Falls Tribune under date of April 8th says that, "Every now and then somebody whose bigotry is stronger than his brain power protests against the bible being read in the public schools." The editor concludes that the interpretation of the law is a narrow one and that there can be no harm in the reading of the bible in schools. Fortunately, others aside from the editor have ideas and for this reason the bible is excluded from the schools in Idaho. Assuming the editor to be of some protestant sect it is dollars to doughnuts that he would object to the reading of the Catholic bible in the public schools. A considerable number of persons discover in Bishop Quigley of Chicago a very narrow minded man—and perhaps he is,—but these individuals evince the same bigotry when it comes to their turn. What a wail would have went up had it been Catholic clergymen instead of protestants who initiated the Sunday closing crusade in Chicago during the Worlds Fair. As for the News we say eliminate bible

reading in all public schools and colleges, legislative bodies as well, and in fact all places of a public nature to which Catholics and Protestants share alike in the expense of maintaining, and confine bible reading within the home or church.

A Van For Montana

There is no doubt in the mind of the editor but that the teaching of Socialism must be carried to the exploited farmer, before we shall carry our banner to victory, and many of the comrades appear to think that the cheapest and most effectual way would be through the Van wagon.

The farmer is not different from the laborer, except that he is exploited in a slightly different manner. He sees quicker and realizes the true condition of the working class, than does the laborer. In fact he reads the papers and studies the horrors of the bull pen, the black list and the bayonet, and sees clearly the condition, but knows not the remedy, until he makes a study of Socialism and becomes a class conscious revolutionary Socialist.

How about the union man? An incident might be cited from this county. With a union candidate in the field for election, a certain number of union (?) men of Whiskey Gulch scabbled at the ballot box on election day and then immediately left for greener fields. Where did they go? It has been reported here that some of them went to Russiada (Colorado formerly) and since their advent into that territory have served time in the bull pen. Now have they learned anything about the class struggle? Not a particle, probably; in fact are possibly looking for an opportunity to scab at the ballot box again at the rate of \$2 per piece. And again as an election approaches we find members of the Western Federation of Miners attending a Jeffersonian banquet given in Lewistown, whose leaders are citizens alliance members, and they proclaiming vociferously that the democrat ticket will be elected from head to foot this fall—that the prospects are good, when a man with horse sense knows that they haven't a possible show of electing but one or two in the county. Why are they not howling for union men? Because they are not union men, their records are shady. Considering these facts and realizing that the above is a true condition of a certain number of union men who can never be won through education, it behooves us to look for our majority to be among a class of people who will read and study the economic question, laying all prejudice aside, and finally voting for their own class interest. A large percentage of the union men who can read and write legibly and intelligently can be taught Socialism and are coming to the ranks of the red button comrades at a rapid rate.

Now let us extend our campaign of propaganda to the field that has been slighted so long; the field that will return results; the class that produces the necessities of the world and receive the least for their toil—the farmer. Populism won its great strength with the farmer, and many of the old populists of those days are in the Socialist ranks now. They can go nowhere else. Although all of their doctrines were not scientifically grounded, they did serve to create the idea of the class interest, and the movement grew to a wonderful strength. Let the Socialists go into the same field, for it is ripe for the change, the advancement, the acceptance of the educational work. The farmer of today is scarcely as well off as the average wage slave, for he is not sure of much of anything, while the laborer is sure of his wages if once he gets a job.

The Van proposition should be taken up, and above all things the farmer must be reached with speakers and literature.

"Anarchy From Montana."

Since the scene that happened in Denver, Russia (formerly Colorado) on the 21st when Chas. H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners was escorted before the supreme court of that place by a military coterie of hirling dispicable thugs and members of the citizens alliance, the thought is called to mind about an article that appeared in the Miners Magazine some few

months ago, from the pen of Al. Sellers of this county.

The Miners Magazine headed it as above suggested, "Anarchy From Montana." But a brief review will throw a side light that will fully explain that Mr. Sellers was not far from the right proceeding, when the military is to trample over all free American constitutional rights. His import of the article was for the union men to arm themselves with Mausers and about 500 rounds of ammunition, and which act would be absolutely constitutional, as the United States constitution guarantees to every citizen the right to bear arms in his home, except in "Russiada," where union men vote all tickets but the Socialist, scab at the ballot box and starve in the bull pen. He then made plain that the militia usually called out on these occasions was composed of ruffians, cheap clerks, rounders and thugs of all sorts, and who were all cowardly if they were forced up against a proposition that "an equal break" would be experienced. This class of debauched criminals then, knowing that if they forced trouble and persisted in a reign of Peabody anarchy, would get into a fight where no odds would be in their favor, and in place of bayoneting men into the bull pen and shooting down defenseless humanity, their own bodies would be forced to the position of a lead target. To this he contended that every hired militiaman would shrink from duty.

Does it not look about true when you think of the following told in the associated press dispatch from Denver, Russiada?

Defying the attachment of cavalry which brought Charles H. Moyer of Telluride to appear before the supreme court, W. D. Haywood secretary treasurer of the federation attempted to hold a conversation with the prisoner while he was being taken from the train at the union depot this morning. Ordered to stand back by Captain Bulkley Wells, commanding the guard, he struck the officer in the face. In a second he was surrounded by a cordon of angry troopers who struck at him with the butts of their carbines and beat him with six shooters. That he was not killed by the excited soldiers is due to the action of Bert Givens, the orderly of Captain Wells, who struck up the muzzle of a gun aimed at Haywood and rescued him from his position between two cars where the guardsmen had him cornered.

Placed under arrest he was put in the middle of a hollow square of militiamen, and marched to the Oxford hotel near the depot. Here he again showed fight and was beaten into submission. His injuries consist of a deep cut on the left side of the head and one on the right side of his head which almost severed the lower lobe of his right ear.

When a demand was made by Police Captain Frank Lee for the release of Haywood on the ground that the militia rule did not extend to Denver, General Sherman Bell replied that he intended to hold Haywood as a military prisoner and would shoot any one who attempted to take him. But, nevertheless, under orders from Gov. Peabody, Haywood was surrendered to Sheriff Armstrong and placed in the county jail this afternoon.

Mr. Haywood made a mistake, even though the army officer had no absolute right there in Denver under the existing circumstances, he made the mistake of not being ready for the trouble if he expected to precipitate the same. The army officer had no military authority in that county, but when struck by Mr. Haywood, the lickspittles in the soldier garb several in number sprang to the man to beat or possibly kill him. But had he had a few fighters with him on the ground where man to man was an equal break the damnable curs who beat him up with guns would have gone so fast that you could not have seen the cowards for dust behind them.

Always be right, but once right go ahead, stop for nothing. Had the above trouble occurred in San Miguel county an entirely different aspect would have been cast upon the part of Mr. Haywood.

But why continue this kind of a farce fight. Let us drop all this and get down to business. Let us proceed to educate the laboring people, or possibly more properly put, the exploited class, and realize that the present condition must exist until we can capture the government through the ballot box.

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President Gompers of the grand annex to Parry's citizens alliance circus, says as follows regarding Gov. Peabody of Russiada:

The violation of the fundamental principles of our country has made Colorado the laughing stock of the country, as well as the rest of the civilized world. Besides, it robs men of the actual rights and protection guaranteed them by the constitution. It appears that if civil law continues to be overridden as it has in the past the fight will soon develop from a technical legal conflict to a physical one. That would be the most deplorable thing we could have in a state or country with a republican form of government.

Gov. Peabody is not half as ridiculous as Gompers was when he dined in a scab joint in Boston, and with a man who proclaimed, and reiterated his proclamation a year later that a "scab is a hero." Gompers is a traitor to organized labor and his criticism of Peabody is entirely out of order. He stands for trades autonomy and solely for a system of organization that will perpetuate the present anarchistic system, and men like Peabody stand on the rulers side—the side of capital—to fight that kind of an organization on its own dung hill. Let Gompers and other leaders spend their time in educating the laboring men to unite at the ballot box, and soon this anarchistic system that prevails at the present will be wiped out and the cooperative commonwealth established. Peabody is true to the interest of the class he represents, while Gompers is a fakir to the class from which he draws a good salary.

The Great Falls Tribune says:

It is estimated that during each year 120,000 residents of the United States go abroad and that each of them spends on an average \$700. That would make a grand total of \$84,000,000. Considering that it is mostly wealthy people who make these trips, the estimate for individuals seems light. It is more probable that the total is over \$100,000,000 annually.

The latter suggestion is probably much nearer the truth, as to the amount spent. But how about the laboring mule who never takes a trip outside of his county? The above quoted paper is owned by W. A. Clark, the multimillionaire senator who bought his seat in the august body, and the article is written by one of his wage slaves. At the present Mr. Clark is basking in the sunny clime of the picturesque Mediterranean, while the laboring mule, is either digging in the bowels of the earth for three dollars per day, or possibly getting five per day to pen hog-wash of the above sort. Why not wake up wage slaves and take a trip yourselves? Remember labor creates all wealth, gets 17 per cent of the same and gives 83 per cent to the class of parasites who do nothing but live in luxury and take foreign pleasure trips.

There is little danger of America becoming embroiled in the eastern war, because the rulers of America, our Morgans, Rockefellers, Clarks and Heinzes are in favor of peace, so they can sell the stolen product of labor to the combatants. Our capitalists only favor war when it is to their advantage, that is when war pays big profits, just now peace is the best paying policy for American capitalists. All Europe may join in the fight for foreign markets much to the advantage of our industrial kings. During the war they will employ a portion of the wage workers manufacturing goods to sell to the combatants. The producer will receive, in wages a very small portion of the wealth produced, the balance

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will go to swell the income of our money lords—no wonder they are in love with peace and of so christian a temperament that they consider war utterly abhorrent.

After a stormy session the New York convention instructed their delegation to support Judge Parker as candidate for President. His platform is "any old thing" the St. Louis convention adopts. This must be considered as a decided victory for the opponents of Hearst. However the latter is making some progress and will develop a support that will surprise the conservative wing of the democrat party. But his chance of capturing the nomination is very slim.

Wright Bros., had a large ad in the Democrat last week, and simultaneously the paper had a lengthy editorial roasting the Argus for opposing Ed. Wright for a third term. Things are in a great mix-up in the demorepublican camp.

"He is worth a hundred millions the most of which he stole." "Gracious! and he belongs to the church."
"Oh! no the church belongs to him."—Puck.

It appears that Bryan is not for Parker for the presidency, and if the Parker strength should develop to be the majority power of the convention W. J., may bolt.

The Red Lodge coal miners are

all at work again, pending adjustment of the strike trouble over the ched weighman.

It is rumored that another republican paper is to be established in Lewistown in the near future.

Hearst doesn't appear to be the only pebble on the beach in New York.

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